

REMARKS

In this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 1-19 and added Claims 20-29. Thus, Claims 1-29 are pending in this application, of which Claims 1, 9 and 22 are independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended and added claims distinctly claim the invention as supported by the originally filed application and that this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment will greatly facilitate prosecution of the application. Thus, Applicants respectfully request consideration and examination of the application as amended and the timely allowance of the pending Claims 1-29.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this application and to resolve any issues.

Please charge any fees required by this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

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